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| <p>UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT<br/>CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES DIVISION</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                           |  |
| <p>In re:<br/>Leslie Klein</p> <p>Debtor(s).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | <p>CASE NO.: 2:23-bk-10990-SK<br/>ADVERSARY NO.: 2:23-ad-01169-SK<br/>(if applicable)<br/>CHAPTER: 11</p> |  |
| <p>Robert &amp; Esther Mermelstein</p> <p>Plaintiff(s) (if applicable).</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>Leslie Klein</p> <p>Defendant(s) (if applicable).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | <p>NOTICE OF APPEAL<br/>AND STATEMENT OF<br/>ELECTION (FRBP 8002(b)(1)(D))</p>                            |  |

### **Part 1: Identify the appellant(s)**

1. Name(s) of appellant(s): Leslie Klein
2. Position of appellant(s) in the adversary proceeding or bankruptcy case that is the subject of this appeal:

**For appeals in an adversary proceeding.**

- ☐ Plaintiff  
☒ Defendant  
☐ Other (*describe*):

**For appeals in a bankruptcy case and not in an adversary proceeding.**

- ☐ Debtor  
☐ Creditor  
☐ Trustee  
☐ Other (*describe*):

**Part 2: Identify the subject of this appeal**

1. Describe the judgment—or the appealable order or decree—from which the appeal is taken:  
Judgment for Nondischargeability of Debt Pursuant to 11 USC §523(A)(2)(A), 11 USC §523(A)(4), & 11  
USC §523(A)(6) in the Amount of \$21,737,740.70

2. State the date on which the judgment—or the appealable order or decree—was entered: 02/16/2024

Note: Order Denying Motion for Relief from Judgment Including

**Part 3: Identify the other parties to the appeal** Reconsideration (FRBP 9024) or New Trial (FRBP 9023) filed April 10,  
2024. Appeal being filed simultaneously.

List the names of all parties to the judgment—or the appealable order or decree—from which the appeal is taken and the  
names, addresses, and telephone numbers of their attorneys (attach additional pages if necessary):

1. Party: Robert & Esther Mermelstein

Attorney:

Baruch C. Cohen

4929 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 940

Los Angeles, California 90010

323-937-4501

2. Party:

Attorney:

**Part 4: Optional election to have appeal heard by District Court (applicable only in certain districts)**

If a Bankruptcy Appellate Panel is available in this judicial district, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel will hear this appeal  
unless, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(c)(1), a party elects to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court. If  
an appellant filing this notice wishes to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court, check below. Do not  
check the box if the appellant wishes the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel to hear the appeal.

☒ Appellant(s) elect to have the appeal heard by the United States District Court rather than by the Bankruptcy  
Appellate Panel.

**Part 5: Sign below**



Date: 04/23/2024

Signature of attorney for appellant(s) (or appellant(s)  
if not represented by an attorney)

Fee waiver notice: If appellant is a child support creditor or its representative and appellant has filed the form specified in  
§ 304(g) of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, no fee is required.

**[Note to inmate filers:** If you are an inmate filer in an institution and you seek the timing benefit of Fed. R. Bankr. P.  
8002(c)(1), complete Director's Form 4170 (Declaration of Inmate Filing) and file that declaration along with the Notice of  
Appeal.]

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**FILED & ENTERED**

**FEB 16 2024**

CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re

LESLIE KLEIN,

Debtor and Debtor in Possession.

ROBERT & ESTHER MERMELSTEIN,

Plaintiffs

vs.

LESLIE KLEIN

Defendant

Case No. 2:23-bk-10990-SK

Chapter 11

Adv. No. 2:23-ap-01153-SK

Hon. Sandra Klein

**JUDGMENT FOR NONDISCHARGEABILITY  
OF DEBT PURSUANT TO 11 USC §  
523(A)(2)(A), 11 USC § 523(A)(4), & 11 USC §  
523(A)(6) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,737,740.70**

Date: 2-14-2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: 255 E. Temple Street, Los Angeles  
Courtroom: 1575

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**JUDGMENT IS ENTERED AS FOLLOWS:**

Based on the Court's ruling on Plaintiffs, Robert & Esther Mermelstein's Motion for Entry of Default Judgment, Docket #57, a non-dischargeable judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiffs, and against Defendant, Leslie Klein, in the total amount of \$21,737,740.70 pursuant to 11 USC § 523(a)(2)(A), 11 USC § 523(a)(4), and 11 USC § 523(a)(6).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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Date: February 16, 2024

  
Sandra R. Klein  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

## PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:  
301 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 520, Pasadena, California 91101

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled: **NOTICE OF APPEAL AND STATEMENT OF ELECTION** will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

1. **TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF)**: Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On *(date)* 04/23/2024, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

☒ Service information continued on attached page

2. **SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL**:

On *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

☐ Service information continued on attached page


3. **SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL** (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

Honorable Sandra Klein  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
255 East Temple Street #1582  
Los Angeles, California 90012

☒ Service information continued on attached page

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

04/23/2024      Jasper Pantaleon  
Date                      Printed Name

  
Signature

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| In re: LESLIE KLEIN<br>Debtor(s)<br>ROBERT & ESTHER MERMELSTEIN | Chapter: 11<br>Case No: 2:23-bk-10990-SK<br>Adv. No: 2:23-ap-01153-SK |
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